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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL FUNCTIONS RESHUFFLED

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE APRIL 1, RESPONSIBILITIES OF TWO MEMBERS GOG WERE REALIGNED AND NEW PRESIDENCY DIRECTEUR DE CABINET WAS NAMED.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL AVIATION, HELD DIRECTLY BY PRESIDENT FOR PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, NOW ASSIGNED TO JEAN FRANCOIS NTOUTOUME, WHO ALSO RETAINS PREVIOUS TITLE OF MINISTER COUNSELOR AT PRESIDENCY FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COORDINATION.

3. LOUIS-GASTON MAYILA YIELDS POSITION AS DIRECTEUR DE CABINET BUT RETAINS MINISTERIAL RANK AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, REFORM OF STATE CORPORATIONS AND GABONESE NATIONAL WOOD COMPANY.

4. NEW DIRECTEUR DE CABINET, WITHOUT MINISTERIAL RANK, IS DOMINIQUE BONGOUERE, FORMERLY INSPECTOR OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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COMMENT: PRESIDENT HAD TOLD ME PRECEDING DAY THAT CHANGE WAS COMING, AND INDICATED PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF SHFT WAS TO REMOVE MAYILA FROM DIRECT ROLE AT PRESIDENCY. ACCORDIN TO BONGO, MAYILA HAD LOST HIS CONFIDENCE, SO THAT HE NO LONGER WISHED HAVE HIM IN POSITION OF HANDLING SENSITIVE MATTERS.

6. MAYILA, WHO SURVIVED NEARLY TWO YEARS AS DIRECTEUR DE CABINET, INEVITABLY ACCUMULATED MORE AND MORE PPOWER AND INFLUENCE SIMPLY BY VIRTUE OF BEING AT HAND WHENEVER PRESIDENT WANTED SOMETHING DONE. LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR (MINISTER OF COMMERCE MOUSSIEOU), HE REMAINS MEMBER OF GOG, BUT PRESUMABLY WITHOUT CLOUT HE FORMERLY WIELDED. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE IN CIVIL AVIATION FIELD, WHERE HE HAD EFFECTIVELY BEEN ACTING MINISTER UNTIL LATEST REALIGNMENT OCCURRED. STEIGMAN

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